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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Room TWB-204
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Notice of Ex Parte Communication

Review of the Section 251 Unbundling Obligations of Incumbent Local
Exchange Carriers, CC Docket No. 01-338

Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions of the Telecommunications
Act of 1996, CC Docket No. 96-98

Deployment of Wireline Services Offering Advanced Telecommunications
Capability, CC Docket No. 98-147

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Monday, December 9, 2002, Dick Juhnke, Marybeth Banks, Michael Fingerhut, and I met on behalf of Sprint Corporation with Matthew Brill, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Abernathy.

Sprint explained that ILEC loop and transport remain bottlenecks; that competitive alternatives for high-capacity loops and interoffice transport are extremely limited; that CLECs need UNE loop access to customers served by remote terminals; and that the commingling of UNE high capacity loops and access multiplexing should be allowed. With respect to unbundled local switching, Sprint commented that the Commission's impairment analysis can properly distinguish between business and residential/small business markets, and that before lifting UNE switching for the latter the Commission should allow time for CLECs to build a customer base and for transition and improvement in ILEC hot cut performance. Sprint also explained that the Commission should end discrimination against wireless technology and confirm wireless carriers' access to unbundled network elements, particularly dedicated transport.

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, we are filing electronic copies of this notice for addition to these dockets.

Sincerely,

John E. Benedict

cc: Matthew Brill